



NEWS RELEASE

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Brazos River Flood

The City of Lake Jackson continues to monitor the forecasted Brazos River Flood. The National Weather Service (NWS) predicts that the river will rise above 50.8 feet by Tuesday at the Rosharon Gauge. The river will continue to rise to a forecast of 53.5 feet by Friday. This will begin to put considerable water into the Oyster Creek and Bastrop Bayou watersheds north and east of the Harris Reservoir.

Once again, we expect Oyster Creek to rise to and possibly exceed the levels seen in the 1991/1992 River Flood.

The Weather Service is also predicting additional rainfall of one (1) to three (3) inches from Thursday through Saturday.

Most of the City's drainage outfalls go into Oyster Creek. Some go into the Bastrop Bayou, while the southern portion of the City drains into the large Flag Lake Channel and then into the Brazos.

With all these outfalls full any rain that falls would need to be contained within our existing drainage ditches. Once these fill it is possible that water will begin to back up into our street system. That is how the system is designed to work. We have located pumps along the creek and will put these to use when needed.

We do not expect to see water threatening any homes.

Timing of the peak in the Brazos River, Oyster Creek, and the Bastrop Bayou with any rainfall will be critical.

We will continue to provide daily updates. Again, at this time we are preparing for the worst and hoping for the best.